

at least one element of the claims that is not taught nor suggested by the prior art. This element is discussed below:

Discussion

Although all the elements of claim must be taken together to determine the patentability of that claim, only one element was discussed in detail. All claims in this application are limited to a system or a method of video conferencing in which the video conferencing call is routed to the appropriate recipient irrespective of which workstation that recipient has logged into. The system therefore routes a video conferencing call to a recipient based on log in.

In contrast, other systems route video conferencing calls to a defined workstation address which has previously been statically associated with the recipient. Thus, if the recipient is at another workstation, the call still goes to the defined workstation address. As discussed with the Examiner, this is methodology that could be inferred from the known prior art. This static arrangement is also similar to the current telephone model in which a user is associated with a fixed telephone number associated with a fixed physical location.

The claimed invention, on the other hand, allows a user to log in at any workstation and thereby directed a video conference call, for that user, to the workstation at which the user is logged in.




This arrangement is also different to the current "call forward" facility offered by some telephone systems. In these systems the user must proactively forward calls to a new location.

As discussed with the Examiner, the applicants are not aware of any references that disclose this feature.

Accordingly, Applicants, request allowance of these claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience. A clean copy of the amended claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Should the Examiner believe a further conference will expedite the allowance of this application, contact with the undersigned is requested.

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